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11. (C) The MDC postponed a planned 10 am announcement of its own election tally until later today. President Morgan Tsvangirai's assistant, who has been coordinating the

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collection of results, told us the MDC's calculation is that Tsvangirai has won 50.3 percent of the vote. He also stated

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that the MDC has had talks with ZANU-PF's Nicholas Goche, who is representing Mugabe regarding an exit for Mugabe. The MDC would not negotiate, however, a government of national unity.zQVQ#Qtout the final presidential result. The Embassy's EAC will meet at 3 pm to review scenarios, risks and precautions.

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